## **Federal Community Development Grants**

FY2003 Request: \$3,280,000 Reference No:

33925

**Project Type:** Health and Safety **AP/AL:** Appropriation

Category: Housing/Social Services

Location: Statewide **Contact:** Pat Poland

**Election District:** Statewide **Contact Phone:** (907)269-4580

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2004

## **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Department receives federal funding from several different programs, including the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program, USDA and the Denali Commission. This project combines the various federal project funding under one appropriation.

### Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Fed Rcpts G/F Match	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$3,000,000 \$280,000	\$18,000,000 \$1,680,000
Total:	\$3,280,000	\$3,280,000	\$3,280,000	\$3,280,000	\$3,280,000	\$3,280,000	\$19,680,000
State Match Required □ One-Time Project □ Phased Project □ On-Going Project  14% = Minimum State Match % Required □ Amendment □ Mental Health Bill							

# **Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
0	0
0	
0	0
	<u>Amount</u> 0 0 0

## **Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

In prior years, this funding was in separate project specific appropriations. FY 99 200.0; FY 00 550.0; FY 01 1,050.0; FY 02 6,350.0

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#### **FEMA**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds two programs with the department.

The Community Assistance Program helps to identify, prevent and resolve floodplain management issues in participating communities before they develop into problems requiring enforcement actions.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program is a pre-disaster grant program aimed at eliminating the long-term risk of flood damage to homes and other flood-insured structures.

Department staff assists communities in preparing applications acceptable for funding and in implementing approved mitigation and planning projects.

State match historically averages 25%.

### **United States Department of Agriculture**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds various economic development programs with the department.

The major program is the Mini-Grant Program, a joint effort between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development. This provides grants for projects that support community economic and development strategies. The program helps strengthen rural communities by helping capitalize on their potential to diversify and expand their economies through use of natural resources and by developing new economic activity in non-forest related industries. Mini-Grants are awarded annually through a competitive application process.

Other programs have included funding for community and economic development for Southeast communities participating in SEA-CERT, and a secondary mini-grant program.

State match varies from program to program but historically averages 20%.

#### **Denali Commission**

The Denali Commission is an innovative federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure, and economic support throughout Alaska. Most often used as a secondary funding source for other programs, the Commission has also been the primary funding source for various projects.

Under the secondary funding category, the Mini-Grant Program expands the USDA Mini-Grant Program. Funding is for the purpose of supporting the creation and implementation of community level economic development or community development strategies (e.g. economic development strategy, business plan, feasibility study, design and engineering plan, etc. The Minigrant Program has received 500,000 in Commission funding the past 2 years.

Other projects funded in the past include the Community Priorities Program, which provides grants for construction-ready fixed infrastructure projects (4,500,000 in FY 02) and a grant for the completion of rural health clinics. (304,500).

State match varies from project to project but has averaged 10%.

#### **GF Match**

There are varying levels of state match required for the federal programs. In aggregate, the GF match requested is 14% of the total budget.

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FEMA	400,000	federal
USDA	600,000	federal
DC	2,000,000	federal
Match	280,000	GF/Match
	3,280,000	

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